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ADDENDUM NO. 1

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ITB No. 15-0037, Phase II Construction of the Fuel Remediation System at the Astatula Fuel Facility

It is the vendor's responsibility to ensure their receipt of all addenda, and to clearly acknowledge all addenda within their initial bid or proposal response. Acknowledgement may be confirmed either by inclusion of a signed copy of this addendum with the initial bid or proposal response, or by completion and return of the addendum acknowledgement section of the solicitation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid or proposal from being considered for award.

This addendum does not change the date for receipt of bids or proposals.

The purpose of this addendum is for clarification of the following question and to provide the answer from the Department of Environmental Protection.

Question: Can a State Licensed Petroleum System Specialty Contractor bid on this petroleum system installation? Can a State licensed Certified General Contractor bid on this solicitation?

The requirement listed in the RFP to use a FDEP "Contractor" does not reflect the appropriate Contractor License requirement to perform this work. The FDEP uses the "Term Contractor" for purposes of providing primarily Consulting & Engineering services in the State Pre-Approval Petroleum Program. More than 90% of those listed firms are consultants and not contractors only a few firms can actually provide the services required. Most State Licensed Remediation/Environmental Contractors elected not to submit on the FDEP Contract due to the conflict of interest with the consulting firms whom the licensed remediation contractors get their work. The few listed firms that can provide this work have chosen to be on that list because they have an advantage in the Petroleum Market through long term relationships with facility owners through the previous Pre-Approval Contractor Designation Form.

This requirement precludes appropriately licensed Contractors from bidding on the requested services and requires that bidders be on a list of "approved contractors" that does not meet the State of Florida building requirements. Please revisit this requirement and allow Certified General Contractors and Pollution Specialty Contractors to bid on the requested services.

Answer received from FDEP: The answer to the question regarding who is eligible to bid on this project is:

The eligibility of this site for funding assistance derives from its eligibility under the Petroleum Cleanup Participation Program (PCPP). As such, ITB responses can only be tendered by entities that are listed as qualified contractors by the Petroleum Restoration Program (PRP). Criteria for inclusion as a qualified contractor can be found in the following memorandum from the PRP Administrator: http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/quick_topics/publications/pss/pcp/SOP/ContractorQualificationMemo_19Jun14.pdf

Companies that wish to provide services under this ITB, but are not listed as qualified contractors, may partner with a qualified contractor in order to be considered eligible. As I stated earlier, the PRP's use of the terms "contractor" and "term contractor" arises from the fact that these firms provide services to the PRP under the provisions of their agency term contracts. All statutory requirements related to licensing and certification requirements for firms performing services under their agency term contracts remain in force.

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Signature: _____ Title: _____

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